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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Fifth Ward Economic Impact Initiative in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation, located at 4300 Lyons Avenue, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77020.

The funding would be used for an initiative in Houston's historic Fifth Ward to fund the creation of 26 affordable rental homes, the construction of 20 new affordable homes and the restoration of 30 existing homes. Additionally, the request focuses on removing an interior wall to double the Center's square footage, converting the thermostat and replacing old doors for temperature and energy control, and renovating the small bathroom for handicap accessibility. Additionally the project will fund the construction of an athletic complex and community center that will provide jobs in the local market and educate youth to become productive citizens who contribute to their communities. The complex will host workshops, skills training, and even sports physical events.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because This project is a priority because affordable housing is in high demand in Houston, as in many other major cities across the nation. Sections of Fifth Ward have been designated Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ), and with the community's median household income of \$27,046, the Fifth Ward needs economic revitalization.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sheila Jackson Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheila" being the most prominent.

Sheila Jackson Lee  
Member of Congress